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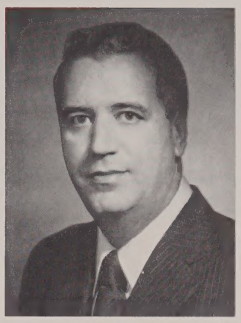
The Legacy of Kindness



Arthur G. Slade
President

We are indeed fortunate to have an ever-increasing number of kind and loyal friends who have demonstrated their interest and support for our work through their memberships, donations and bequests. I feel it is important to once again publicly express our appreciation and gratitude to all of you at this Holiday season.

In response to recent inquiries from some of our friends about other forms of giving, I am happy to announce that we now have established a Charitable Remainder Unitrust program. I feel it is especially important to make you aware of this form of giving since it provides some substantial advantages to the donors.

The major advantages of such a Charitable Remainder Unitrust to you, the Donor, include:

1. A charitable income tax deduction in the year in which the gift is given to the League.
2. A substantial savings in taxes on capital gains when using appreciated securities held for the long term as the source of your gift.
3. None of the trust property is included in your net taxable estate.
4. The Donor is relieved of the burden of investment management.
5. The Donor's annual income will often be increased as a result of "unlocking" low-yield, low-cost securities which are converted by the trustee into assets which return a better yield to the Donor as the income beneficiary during his or her lifetime. The reinvestment of equity for greater return, coupled with the income and tax savings, often proves to be very rewarding to the Donor.

All terms and conditions of the Trust are set forth in a formal Trust agreement which must meet the detailed requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations. We can provide such an instrument for review by your attorney.

The unitrust instrument provides that payments shall be made to the income beneficiary, equal to a fixed percentage of the fair market value of the trust's assets as valued each year. An optional alternative is to pay only the net income of the trust, if that income is less than the fixed percentage. The fixed percentage figure does not change after the trust is established, and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust allows additional assets to be added at any time.

Thus, you as a Donor have the dual satisfaction of retaining an income for life, while knowing that upon your death, a substantial benefit will pass to the League, enabling it to continue its humane services for years to come.

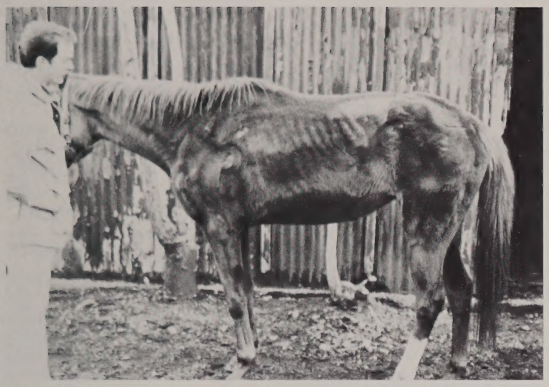
We are keenly interested in further developing this program and would be most happy to receive responses from you as to special interests and needs you may wish to explore. This sort of feedback would be of great value to us.

I will be telling you more about this program as time goes on, but I felt it important to introduce the idea at this time, as many people may not be aware of this concept which can be extremely beneficial to both you and our efforts in animal welfare.

FAIR NASHUA:
AN ILLUSTRIOUS PAST, AND NOW A BRIGHT FUTURE.

The story of *Fair Nashua* is the reverse of the familiar "rags to riches" tale, but thanks to the persistence of many dedicated people, it does have the traditional happy ending.

"Fair Nashua" with Terry White at the Animal Rescue League's Cape Cod Branch in Brewster, MA.



Before. . .

. . .and today.

In October, 1983, as part of the League's regular stable inspection program, Richard W. Bryant and Edward A. Leonard, D.V.M., visited a stable in Boston where they found a brown mare that appeared severely underweight. Criminal complaints were filed against the owner, but the case was dismissed in March, 1984, after the owner promised in court to seek medical attention for the animal.

On a return inspection of the stable, which had a history of citations for poor and unsanitary conditions dating back to 1981, League inspector Alan Borgal in December, 1984, found that the mare was even more emaciated than before, and still had received no medical attention.

The horse, named "Fair Nashua," was removed from the stable and taken to the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine's Large Animal Center in Grafton. When the horse was admitted to the animal hospital there, she weighed 745 pounds—approximately 300 pounds below normal weight. She also suffered substantial muscle loss, and bore about a dozen scars or wounds from being kicked or bitten by other horses.

The League brought cruelty charges against the owner that same month and, after a total of no less than eight court appearances, the owner agreed in court to transfer ownership of "Nashua" to the League and pay for the cost of her care until a new home is found for her.

During the course of these legal proceedings, an effort was made to trace the background of this animal, which despite its pitiful condition, still displayed the unbroken spirit and bearing of a true thoroughbred. From her registration tattoo, it was discovered that the 12-year-old mare is a granddaughter of the famous racehorse "Nashua," one of the leading thoroughbred money earners in its day and sire to 76 stakes winners, and great-granddaughter of "Nasrullah," once owned by the Aga Khan.

"Fair Nashua" was born in 1973, foaled by a mare named "Get Most" whose sire was the original "Nashua" (who was also named the horse of the year at age three), and whose dam was named "Get More." "Fair Nashua" was owned by the Gold Mills Farm in New York, a large-scale breeder of racehorses. The tattoo was placed on her in June, 1975, at the Bowie Race Track in Maryland. Nothing else is known of her history until she was found at the Boston stable in 1981.

The descendent of this distinguished line of horses is currently being rehabilitated and cared for by the staff at the Animal Rescue League's Cape Cod Branch in Brewster, until a suitable home can be found for her.

The famous racehorse "Nashua."

Friends in Need

What better time to begin a new and lifelong friendship than at the start of a New Year? The League's adoption shelters are always filled with pets of every size, shape and personality looking for new homes and the chance to be part of a loving family, but the holiday season is a particularly busy time. Here are a few particularly warm and satisfying scenes as new friendships get off to a fine start on a typical day at the shelter:

Carla Borum, assistant in the adoption shelter, matches pets with people.

Five-year-old April Graham of Boston leaves the shelter with her father, Jeffrey, and new kitten, "Kojak."

ANOTHER
PET
ADOPTED
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

A Cold Weather

With the change of season, people make adjustments in their clothing, their habits, and even their clocks! Frequently, however, they forget to make alterations in their pet care routines. Winter, being the harshest of seasons, holds many potential hazards for dogs and cats, but with a little extra awareness pet owners can keep their dogs and cats healthy and safe through the cold winter months.

Snow and Cold

Never allow your dog or cat outside during a snowstorm without supervision. Small animals can become trapped in deep snowdrifts and heavy snow can restrict vision and even smell, leading to disorientation. A pet lost in a snowstorm may not survive long if the temperatures are very low.

Limit your pet's time outside if the thermometer reads below freezing or if the weather is wet. If you normally jog with your pooch, give him some time off on these very cold or soggy days. We can adapt by tying a scarf around our faces or wearing rain gear—Fido can't.

Streets and sidewalks generally have a layer of sand or salt when "slippery season" begins. These substances can cause irritation to your dog or cat's paws. A thin coating of petroleum jelly on each paw before going out, and a quick wipe with a damp towel when coming in will keep your pet's paws free from these irritants. Keep a dry towel handy to wipe down wet fur.

Although they invite a chuckle or two, doggie sweaters can be helpful for a young, old, small or short-haired dog. Some people have even had luck with rubber boots for their canine companions; however, most dogs won't stand for them.

Indoors, be sure to provide a warm place for your pet to sleep, away from drafty windows and doors. Small pets, such as birds and rodents, are especially affected by drafts. Keep them in an area with a stable temperature—not too close to a heat source—and be sure to put a light cover over your bird's cage at night.

The Outdoor Pet

A dog is much happier if it is kept indoors as a member of the family; however, some people find it necessary to keep their pets outside. If this is the case, you must provide your pet with several basic necessities. A sturdy, dry and warm doghouse is essential.* It should be slightly elevated off the cold ground, well insulated, have either a door flap or a wind block at the entrance, and should contain clean, warm

Word To The Wise

bedding. Water should be checked and changed often. Ice and snow are no substitutes for fresh drinking water. In fact, eating large amounts of snow can be harmful to your dog.

A dog that is to be kept outside must be conditioned to this kind of life. You must decide if your pet is to live indoors or outdoors and then be consistent. It is the only way your dog can adapt to the rigors of outdoor living. A supplement of bacon grease or suet (as directed by your veterinarian) is a good source of energy and body heat. Obviously, if you intend to keep your dog outdoors, he should be of a sturdy breed. A Chihuahua wouldn't last long in winter weather—even with a sound doghouse.

Pet cats should not be kept outside. Many a cold outdoor cat has perished by curling up under the hood of a warm, recently driven car. The unsuspecting driver will start up the engine, and the cat can be caught in the car fan. Try to get in the habit of knocking on the hood of your car before starting it up on cold, winter mornings. You may save a life!

Dogs and cats are prone to other winter dangers as well. Snowbanks reduce visibility while driving. Be cautious and drive slowly when the snow is piled high to avoid hitting short, four-legged pedestrians. Another auto-related hazard is anti-freeze. This greenish-yellow liquid is regarded as a delicacy by many dogs and cats. It has a sweet taste, but bitter consequences if swallowed. Wipe up antifreeze spills promptly.

Holiday Hazards

Within the sparkle and glitter of Christmas lies a host of dangers for your pet. Poinsettias, holly and mistletoe are all dangerous or poisonous if swallowed. Artificial snow, tinsel and small beads can be deadly as well. There are lots of new cords to chew on and packages to tear into. Chocolate and other sweets are plentiful during the holidays. They can make a dog or cat very ill if consumed in quantity (people too!) and should be kept out of reach.

The key to a safe holiday and winter season for your pets is being an alert owner. Keep these pointers in mind and you and your pets should enjoy a long, cozy winter.

**For plans to build a solar doghouse, write to: Animal Rescue League of Boston, Education Dept., P.O. Box 265, Boston, Mass. 02117.*

Annual Fair
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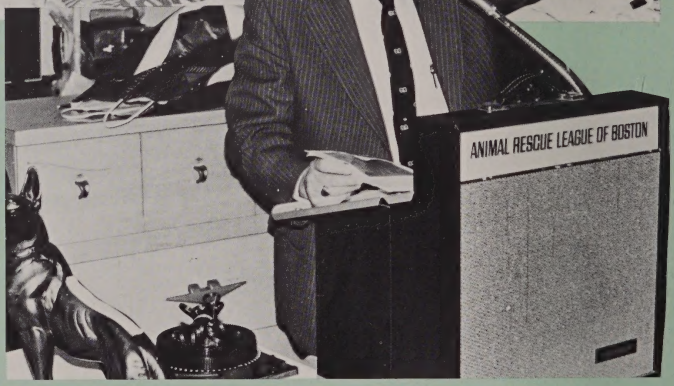


Rescue is our Middle Name

"Gretchen" is the center of attention for new owners Alice Keegan and Joe Lacasso.

In August 1985, Law Enforcement officer Edward Powers obtained a conviction on two counts of cruelty to animals for the starvation death of one dog and the near starvation death of another. Both dogs were locked in an attic for over three weeks without food or water. The surviving dog was in an emaciated condition, more than 30 pounds underweight. Treated at our shelter, she was restored to good health. *"Gretchen,"* named by our kennel staff, was adopted through our Salem Branch to a nice couple on the North Shore, where she plays in a nice big yard and is their only "spoiled child."

One of the rescued dogs awaits a new home at the League.

In early October Animal Rescue League officers responded to an emergency call from the Halifax Police Department. Numerous dogs and cats had been living with an elderly woman in conditions of such filth it was beyond imagination. All 29 dogs and 1 cat were removed by A.R.L. agents and brought to our shelter. The animals, now in our protective custody, await court action and possible new homes.

In mid-October, an Animal Rescue League officer obtained complaints in district court against a woman who failed to provide proper food, shelter, and veterinary care for animals. Two horses, two dogs, and one goat were seized by A.R.L. officers. The two horses, over two hundred pounds underweight each and with other medical problems are now receiving veterinarian care by Animal Rescue League veterinarian Dr. Hopkins.

Photo: L. Brogden

This young screech owl was hit by a car and was transported to the Brewster Branch of the Animal Rescue League where he was treated for minor injuries. He was later taken to the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, also in Brewster, where he was raised until he was old enough to be released.

Recently the League's Cape Cod Branch was alerted to the fact that a small fox was dead or dying in a driveway in Brewster.

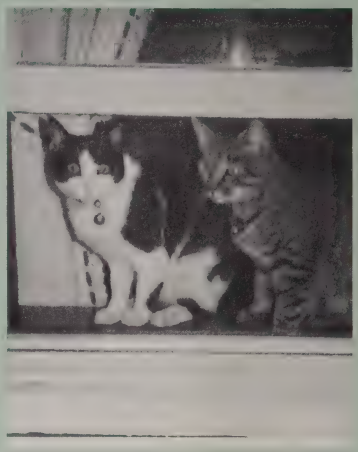
On arrival the baby fox was found to be alive but in serious condition. It was later discovered that the animal was severely anemic and emaciated.

The young fox (approximately 8 weeks old) was treated for these ailments by the staff at the Cape Cod branch until he was stabilized enough to be transported to Tufts University Wildlife Center in Grafton, Mass. for further treatment.

PETS IN THE PICTURE

*Here "**Tasha**" waits for a hamburger off the grill at a Fourth of July celebration, according to owner Mrs. Cindy Spinazzola of Beverly. "She is seven years old and weighs in at 140 pounds. Isn't she cute?" writes Mrs. Spinazzola.*

*"Hi there" from "**Penny**" in a basket, and "**Gus**," cozy in a drawer. Both are the pets of Mildred Greig of Roslindale.*



*Adele and Bob Fee of Chelsea sent in this picture of "**Shemp**" (right), a tiger kitten adopted from the League last spring as a companion for their other kitten, "**Abigail**." "Shemp is a wonderful, loving cat—thank you for him," they write.*

A Pet Care Calendar

PUPPIES & DOGS

6, 10 and 12 weeks	Parasite check (consult your veterinarian
6 to 14 weeks	Distemper, Hepatitis, ICT, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus (initial vaccination or series)
3 to 6 months	Initial Rabies vaccination (consult your veterinarian)
6 months or older	Spay female or neuter male (consult your veterinarian)
Thereafter	Yearly physical exams and booster vaccinations (or as prescribed by your veterinarian)

KITTENS & CATS

6, 10 and 12 weeks	Parasite check (consult your veterinarian)
6 to 14 weeks	Enteritis, Pneumonitis, Feline Leukemia, Rhinotracheitis (initial vaccination or series)
4 months to 1 year	Initial Rabies vaccination (consult your veterinarian)
6 to 8 months	Spay female
8 to 10 months	Neuter male
Thereafter	Yearly physical exams and booster vaccinations (or as prescribed by your veterinarian)

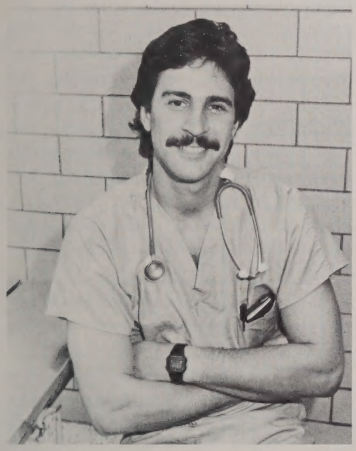
(Always be sure to take a feces sample when taking your pet for a veterinary examination.)

Reproduced from the Ralston Purina Pet Care Kit, given to each person who adopts a dog or cat from the Animal Rescue League.

NEWSFRONT
ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE OF BOSTON

New Appointment To Veterinary Staff

John DeJong, D.V.M. was recently appointed to the veterinary staff at the League's Boston headquarters. Dr. DeJong is a graduate of the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. He will be working nights and weekends to handle the League's emergency cases.



WGBH-TV Launches New Pet Care Show

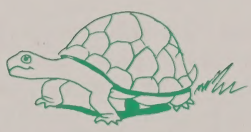
"Cats and Dogs," a new "how-to" television series, will make its debut on WGBH-TV (Channel 2) on February 1, 1986. The thirty-minute program, which will air at 5 p.m., will run weekly for twenty-six weeks and feature practical advice for pet owners presented by Anita Migday, D.V.M. of the Slade Veterinary Hospital in Framingham.

League Santa to Visit Area Horses

The Animal Rescue League will hold its traditional Christmas Dinner for Horses on December 20, with Santa arriving at Faneuil Hall Marketplace to bring gifts of feed, carrots and apples and warm blankets to MDC and Boston Police horses. During the day, Santa will visit some 400 area stables.

League Staff Member Retires

Charles A. Robertson, night supervisor at the Boston shelter and a member of the League staff for twenty-three years, retired this month. He began as a kennelman, later was an ambulance driver and in early 1975, became a night supervisor. "Charlie has worked closely with everyone at the League and will be sorely missed by all of us," says Arthur G. Slade, League president.



Boat Wreck Endangers Sea Life In Puerto Rico

The World Society for the Protection of Animals has issued an action alert urging removal of a 330-foot passenger ferry, *A. Regina*, which ran aground off Mona Island, Puerto Rico, last February. Debris and sediment from the wreck is destroying the feeding and nesting habitat of thousands of sea turtles including endangered hawksbill, green, leatherback, and loggerhead turtles. To save the marine turtles of the Caribbean, WSPA urges interested persons to write to: General E.R. Heibert III, Chief Engineer, Army Corps of Engineers, 20 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20314, asking him to initiate removal operations immediately. They also request that those concerned contact their Senators and Congressmen and ask their support of removal operations.

Postal Service Salutes The American Horse

The U.S. Postal Service recently issued new 22-cent commemorative stamps featuring four American horses: the Saddlebred, Morgan, Appaloosa and Quarter horses, illustrated in earthtone colors by artist Roy Andersen of Sedona, Arizona. Mr. Andersen also designed the popular dog commemorative stamps issued in 1984.

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National Bird of Bermuda Makes Unscheduled Flight

In the wake of Hurricane Gloria, students at Dummer Academy in Byfield, Mass. found a White-Tailed Tropic, the national bird of Bermuda, on their soccer field. Often called a Bermuda Long-Tail, the bird is the national bird of the island and derives its name from the two long central tailfeathers that stream out behind it when it flies. The 11-ounce, 8-inch long bird, which had been carried 700 miles from home, returned to Bermuda by jet and was set free undamaged.

League T-Shirts and Sweatshirts Still Available

The League is cleaning out its clothing closet this winter and there is still an ample supply of the following items available:

Small (6-8) Sweatshirts and Medium (10-12) Sweatshirts for Children
Small (34-36) Sweatshirts for Adults
Small (6-8) and Large (14-16) T-Shirts for Children

Continued

Small (34-36) T-Shirts for Adults.

A few other sizes are available, but quantities are limited. Rush your order now to the League at P.O. Box 265, Boston 02117. Sweatshirts are $7 and T-Shirts are $5 each, postage paid. Also available are ties ($15), totebags ($8.50) and posters ($2).

New Books

Cry of the Panther, by James P. McMullen (McGraw-Hill, paperback, $4.95).

After returning from Vietnam in 1967, James McMullen one day left his Illinois home behind and disappeared into the Florida Everglades —the one place in America most like the jungles of Vietnam. He had seen a story in his local paper claiming that the Florida panther was extinct. His effort to find just one surviving panther and play a part in saving and protecting it, makes a story of survival—the survival of an endangered species, and the survival of a man both physically and emotionally disabled by war. The author's work has put a stop to many of the would-be developers of the Everglades, and he now lectures at schools and helps run a wilderness program for youth offenders at Naples, Florida.

Help Them, Heal Them, Set Them Free, by Melita Z. Meyer (Tidewater Publishers, $8.95).

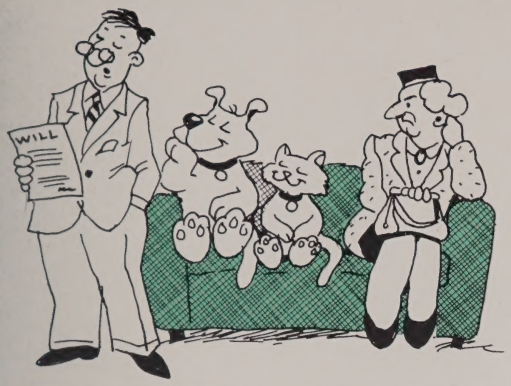
This is a book about birds and other animals that were injured in the wild, but fortunately found their way to a very special place; the Chesapeake Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary in Maryland run by Diane Pearce.

Ms. Pearce is a woman with a big heart and a big house filled with birds and animals that she has rescued. These critters receive her love and attention around the clock. It all started 5 years ago with a robin that was being attacked by two dogs. Diane saved the robin from the aggressors and made many phone calls seeking help for the bird. She was disappointed to find that no one she called seemed to be terribly concerned about "just a robin." She cared for the bird herself, and made a decision to learn everything she could about caring for injured wildlife. She took many classes on the subject and eventually was licensed as a rehabilitator.

The book is a series of short stories about many of the feathered and furry friends that have passed through the doors of the Sanctuary since it opened in 1980. The stories are fun and easy to read making the book appropriate for young readers as well as adults.

Several important ideas are emphasized throughout the text: not just anyone can care for wild animals, licenses and permits are required, wildlife should be left alone, humans should only intervene when absolutely necessary and rehabilitated animals should be released at the right time, in the right place and during the right season. Animals that cannot perform all their normal functions in the wild may be easy targets for predators, and perhaps cannot be released. In short, caring for wild animals is not for everybody—it should be left for the experts, and Diane Pearce certainly sounds like a person who can handle the job.

If you love animals, you will enjoy **"Help Them, Heal Them, Set Them Free."**



"As you know, Mrs. Smith, your late husband was quite an animal lover."

The League continues to rely on the generosity of its friends to meet the ever-expanding needs of our animal population. The cruel realism of inflation makes the League's task in providing needed services more difficult than ever, but with continued support, the challenge can and will be met.

In making a bequest to the League in your Will, please remember that the corporate title of our society is
"Animal Rescue League of Boston,"
that is was incorporated in 1899, and has no connection with any other similar society.

Form of Bequest

I give to the Animal Rescue League of Boston the sum of

_____ dollars.

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Christmas is a time for sharing.

This Christmas season, adopt a warm, loving puppy, kitten, or older pet to share your home and your love.

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Salem 378 Highland Avenue 744-7910

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Call for information and shelter hours.

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Moving?

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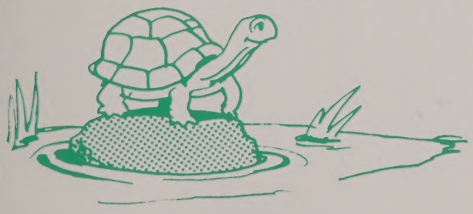

Please let us know if you're planning to move so we can be sure that you receive OUR FOURFOOTED FRIENDS without interruption.

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Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State_____ Zip_____

No need to drive to Boston.

The **Animal Rescue League of Boston** is pleased to announce the opening of a new animal adoption shelter in Dedham. **The Safford Memorial Shelter** is located at 238 Pine Street, the site of our Pine Ridge Cemetery for Small Pets. The shelter is within easy access to all suburban communities along Route 128, for the adoption of pets, homes for abused and unwanted animals, and other shelter services.

For shelter hours call **326-0729**.
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